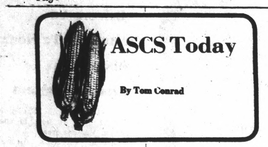

ASCS Today

By Tom Conrad

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ASC Committee Election Ballots to be Returned by December 5 - All known eligible producers have been mailed a ballot for voting in the community committee elections and it must be returned by December 5, 1977. You are urged to vote for the farmers of your choice to serve for the coming year. The instructions for voting are printed on the ballot but you are reminded to vote for no more than three candidates, including write-ins, and to **sign the certification on the envelope identified by the red arrow.** Your ballot cannot be counted if the certification is not signed.

If you believe that you are eligible but did not receive a ballot, you may stop by the ASCS office. If it is determined that you are eligible, your name will be added to the eligible voters list and you will be given a ballot.

If you know of an eligible voter who did not receive a ballot, please contact this office to obtain an answer. We also have a copy of the Regulations Governing ASC County and Community Committeem e n, which is available for your review. The County ASC Committee decides questions on election procedures and on eligibility to vote or hold office. Such decisions may be appealed to the State ASC Committee.

Remember, the voted ballots must be mailed or returned to the ASC office in person by no later than Dec. 5, 1977.

The county convention to elect a member to serve on the county committee will be held in the ASCS office at 9:30 a.m. on December 20, 1977. The convention will be open to the public.

1977 Feed Grain Disaster Program - Feed grain producers who suffered a loss on their corn crop this summer are reminded to file an application for payment when they have finished harvesting or as soon as they decide to abandon the crop. We need to make an appraisal on the fields that won't be harvested as well as measure the land.

Fire-Cured and Sun-Cured Tobacco Marketing Cards - We have mailed marketing cards to producers who have furnished required information. If you produced fire-cured or sun-cured tobacco but have not received your card, please stop by the ASCS office and pick it up.

Return of Flue-Cured Tobacco Marketing Cards - Producers are reminded to return flue-cured marketing cards as soon as possible so we can complete the farm records.

Burley Tobacco Marketing Cards Are Ready - Burley producers can stop by the ASCS office at their convenience and pick up their 1977 marketing cards. If you plan to leave any burley tobacco but have not done so, you can complete the necessary forms at our office any time during the marketing season.

Sorbate Treatment Keeps Mold Off Ham

BLACKSBURG—If you are a dyed in the wool country boy or girl, you probably like some mold on your dry cured country hams. You may think this is a sign of aging, and that the more mold present, the better the flavor will be.

Alas, you are the victim of another myth. Research shows that mold on dry cured hams does not indicate longer aging or better flavor. True, the vast majority of molds are harmless and can be washed off before eating. But a few molds may be harmful if eaten.

Can anything be done to retard that growth of these unsightly, unnecessary (or possible harmful) molds on cured hams? Yes. Recent experiments at Virginia Tech's food science and technology department show that mold growth on country cured hams, bacon, and shoulders can be delayed by the chemical potassium sorbate.

Sorbate is a preservative classified GRAS (generally recognized as safe) by the Food and Drug Administration. It is currently used in beverages, baked goods, chocolate syrup, cakes, cheese, margarine, and many other products. Sorbate has also been approved for external use on dry sausage and fish.

In the sorbate research, which was directed by assistant professors J. David Baldock and Paul P. Graham, they applied a one-minute spray of sorbate solution to the surface of cured hams. They found that hams treated with potassium sorbate had 30 to 60 days longer resistance to mold than untreated hams. Sorbate did not affect aroma, flavor, saltiness, or overall acceptance of hams. Sorbate was shown to be a potential benefit to consumers by slowing growth of unsightly, unnecessary molds on cured meats.

As a result of this research, a food chemical company is petitioning the FDA to clear potassium sorbate for use on dry cured meats. Researchers said that if approved, sorbate use could provide protection from potentially undesirable molds and give added shelf life to cured meats.

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Understanding Your Child

STUDENTS OF THE '70s

If your children are among the some 28 million high school students or over 20 million college students in the United States today, you might like to know about the results of a recent study of student life.

Simplicity, it seems, may be the key word for students these days. They've dropped overly-long hair for shorter, neater locks, and have a real concern for a "naturalness" that creates new modes in dressing, eating, thinking and recreation.

It's an innovative student world where vegetarian diets are resulting in special cafeterias, where individual athletic prowess overweighs concern for the teamwork of yore, and where the favorite reading material is E. F. Schumacher's "Small Is Beautiful."

In fashion, the statement is much the same: the desire to reflect naturalness, simplicity and uncomplicated ease. A researcher from Cotton Incorporated visited students across the country and discovered "individual expression within a framework that one could only characterize as a reemphasis of the natural."

The main staple of student dress is still the all-cotton denim jean. With a T-shirt, sweatshirt or flannel shirt it becomes the perfect outfit for sports or just loafing. A more "formal" look for classes is achieved with a rugby shirt or cotton-knit top. For even more dressy attire: jeans and an Oxford cloth shirt and tie complement a blazer or sport coat.

While jeans are the staple, young people's wardrobes often include painter's pants and mechanic's work wear, as well as cotton corduroys, khakis and chinos. In addition, other "surplus and survival" gear such as rugging outfits, gym shorts, hunting sportswear and cotton canvas backpacks have helped to support the back-to-nature movement.

The style of the '70s youth seems to be: "create a mode for yourself out of the environment around you." That's what the natural lifestyle is all about.

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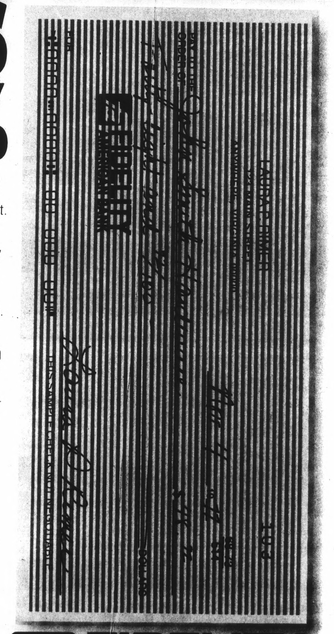

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The 'Peter Pans' are preeminently useful for edgings and dividers between groups or drifts of flowers in large beds. They will bloom all summer long except in the Deep South where second plantings are made in late summer.

VACATION TRIPS OFFERED TO HANDICAPPED IN VIRGINIA

For many handicapped individuals - especially those with severe physical disabilities - a vacation experience is but a dream.

Centers for the Handicapped, not-for-profit agency located in Rockville, Md., is making dreams come true. It is offering vacation trips to physically and mentally handicapped adults, including residents of Virginia.

Staring in January, the agency will operate two-week trips to Florida. The experience will include visits to many places of interest, highlighted by a three-day camping trip to Disneyworld, swimming at the beaches, dining out, sight-seeing and many other social and recreational activities will be in store for participants. And each group will have the opportunity to plan their own activities.

The Centers also offer other types of vacation - travel experiences as well as a travel service for the handicapped and their families. During summer months, participants can enjoy a one-week vacation at Pine Lodge, a barrier - free guest house located near Rehoboth Beach, Delaware - - one of the most popular ocean resorts on the Atlantic coast. Future plans may include trips to Hawaii, European and Caribbean countries, and other locations in the United States. For individuals and families planning their own vacation, Mainstream Travel Service can help make arrangements tailored to the specific needs of the handicapped.

Vacation experiences are available to individuals with most types of physical and mental handicapping conditions, including those who are wheelchair - bound. However, each potential participant will be screened by the Centers to determine group compatability and special needs. All trips are staffed by experienced young people who are trained in working with the handicapped. The cost of each type of trip has been kept to aminimum and covers all meals, accommodations, planned activities and transportation to and from the point of origin.

In addition to vacation trips, the Centers for the Handicapped operates various accredited day programs for children and adults. The agency has been providing services to the handicapped since 1948.

For full details on vacation experiences for the handicapped, please write: Vacation - Travel, P. O. Box 1248-B, Rockville, Md. 20850, or call (301) 340-7004. To contact Mainstream Travel Service, call (301) 340-7710.

WOMANS CLUB CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SET

The Appomattox Woman's Club will have their regular meeting on Mon., Dec. 5 at the home of Mrs. H. Webb Babcock at 7:30 p.m.

This will be the Christmas Party with each member bringing a gift for the child assigned to them and a homemade or purchased Christmas tree ornament for the tree at patrick Henry Boys Home. All members are urged to have their gifts at the Babcock home by the 5th of December.

Hostesses for the night will be Mrs. Ruth Webb, Mrs. Marion Harwood, Mrs. Roma Moore, Mrs. June Chenault, Mrs. Carol Taylor, Mrs. Lois Leitner, Ms. Lina Trent and Mrs. Edna Anderson.

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Capitol Comments

BY DAN DANIEL

WASHINGTON - Let's gather up our dirty clothes. We - the American taxpayers - are about to be taken to the cleaners again.

Earlier this year we reported on the successful effort in the House to bar the use of your dollars in loans to seven Communist or Communist-type dictatorships. The State Department lobbied strongly against this, and the President of the World Bank even threatened not to take any of our money, if Congress insisted upon imposing strings. The debate dragged on for four months, and the impasse was broken when the President gave written assurance that United States representatives would vote against such loans.

Even before the bill was signed into law, though, it was amply demonstrated just how meaningless the pledge was.

On October 14, a resolution was passed by the United Nations General Assembly, calling for a special fund to rehabilitate Vietnam both socially and economically. Our representative to the General Assembly did not vote against the resolution and in fact did not even challenge adoption of the measure on a voice vote.

Funds for Vietnam will be channeled through the United Nations Development Program. It is important that you know that the UNDP, which is not a lending agency, receives the bulk of its funds from - where else? - the United States. During the past two years, we have contributed $200 million; the Russians, who sponsored the resolution for Vietnam, have put up only $8.4 million.

This is not the only machinery for providing money to Vietnam. The various internaitonal relief agencies and the World Bank have ongoing programs for that nation, and such assistance - again, primarily from our taxes - will amount to $34 million this year alone.

In fact, the Vietnamese have big plans for our money. In a recent interview reported by United Press International, the director of Vietnam's Central Bank declared that the United States will pay the $4.75 billion they claim was "promised" to them. How? "In the process, the United States will put money into I.D.A. - and these commitments would be fulfilled to Vietnam", the director told the interviewer. There is always the possibility the man was misquoted. However, we have searched the papers in vain for a retraction.

There is of course a very basic difference between the giveaways of the United Nations and the loans of the World Bank. In the latter instance, there should at least be a hope, if not an expectation, of repayment. Yet during the same time the Congress was debating whether to put additional monies into the World Bank, a confidential study prepared by that same bank surfaced. And the study's findings were anything [illegible] encouraging.

As with all totalitarian states, Vietnam, even though it is in desperate need of funds, has been reluctant to provide informaiton about itself. As a result of this lack of information, commercial banks have been reluctant to make loans, and total borrowing from Western financial institutions has amounted to only $300 million in the past two years.

This money was loaned by banks who wanted to get in on the ground floor of future dealings with Vietnam. The findings make you wonder if they have not instead bought a ticket on the "Titanic". For according to this report, Vietnam will experience a $3.4 billion spending gap through 1980, primarily because its imports will continue to far exceed exports through that date and indeed for the foreseeable future.

Vietnam expects to increase grain production by 65 percent between 1976 and 1980. This is possible, the experts say, but it will take a lot of luck to bring it off. For one thing, it will require almost ideal weather, in a period when worldwide weather catastrophes are the norm. It will also require acceptance of agricultural collectivization. On visits to South Vietnam, prior to coming to Congress, I had the opportunity to talk with some farmers. Theirs is a devotion to land ownership which the city dweller or economic planner would be unable to comprehend.

In light of the foregoing, it would appear we would be well-advised to say goodbye to our World Bank contributions, as well as our UN donations.

And Congress would be well-advised to begin right now making plans for next year's appropriations battle on Foreign Assistance.

Mama had a saying for everything. When we were little, and found ourselves hoodwinked more than once by the same schoolmate, she would say: "Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me".

If this year's experience is repeated, Congress may deserve the shame; the taxpayers in whose names we act surely do not.

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Goochland	3,433.99
Nelson	8,812.54
Nottoway	290.49
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F78-14	$55.30	$27.65	$2.42	
G78-14	$57.55	$28.75	$2.53	
G78-15	$59.05	$29.50	$2.65	
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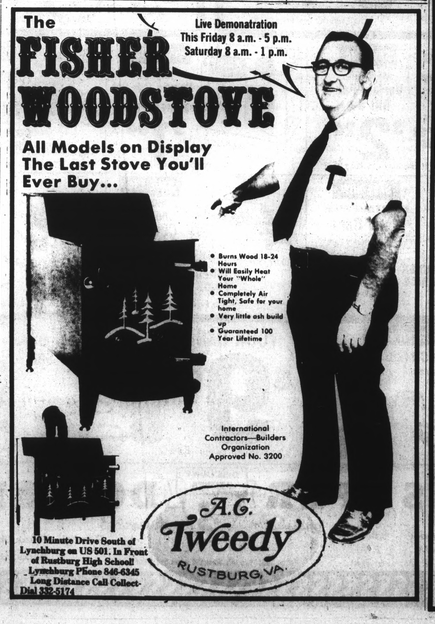

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